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# Now for the other 264

By Brig. Gen.  
Duane Deal  
21st Space Wing Commander

This week we rolled out of the “101 Critical Days of Summer” and right into the “264 Critical Days of the Rest of the Year”. While our Air Force is having a relatively tough year, your focus on safety yielded a strong safety mindset over the summer—no fatalities! As testimony to the emphasis you place on approaching activities safely, we had no fatalities—though we did endure a number of minor mishaps (four sports and recreation mishaps, two industrial, two vehicles, one miscellaneous, and one AF property damage mishap). These mishaps show how close we came, and that we can never let up on our safety emphasis.

Whether you’re in the Security Forces or an augmentee working with

weapons...a Civil Engineer working with heavy road equipment or power tools...a “Transporter” maneuvering one of our big rigs through Colorado traffic...in Communications around electronic equipment...on the flightline around noise and aircraft...or simply walking up stairs or driving safely with your seat belt buckled, the number one person looking out for your well-being must be **YOU**. The good news is you’re clearly doing it well. As Air Force Space Command Commander General Lance Lord puts it, “Safety is an attitude—get one!”... and you’ve got one.

For the sake of our mission, our equipment, and **especially** our people, continue to “stay the course”—you did during the “101 Critical Days,” and now let’s do it for the other 264 days!



## SECAF, CSAF send Sept. 11 Patriot Day message

WASHINGTON — The following is a joint Sept. 11 Patriot Day message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper:

“One year ago, our nation and the world suffered a shocking and tragic attack. Thousands died, many were injured and still more lives were forever altered with the loss of loved ones and friends. Today, we pay our respects to those who lost their lives in the attack, and we pay tribute to those service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure events like these never happen again. On America’s first Patriot Day, we pause and reflect on the sacrifices of our fallen countrymen. Remember them in your thoughts and your prayers.

“While we’ve suffered a great loss, the vivid memory of Sept. 11 has unified our nation and intensified our resolve to win the fight against international terrorism. As airmen, you can be especially proud of your contributions to this cause. When our nation needed its Air Force most, our magnificent team of active-duty, Guard, Reserve, and civilian airmen responded with pride and the utmost professionalism. From deploying troops and defending our skies at home, to building expeditionary bases and engaging adversaries abroad, you’ve demonstrated again and again why the American people trust and admire its men and women in uniform. They appreciate your service and know you pledge your lives to fight our battles — at home and around the world — so Americans can live free. Simply put, thank you.

“As we pause to reflect on the sacrifices made, we remain engaged in a fight against a determined and resilient enemy. Our mission has never been clearer. Our best defense against future attacks, hostile anti-American regimes, weapons of mass destruction and terrorist organizations is a strong offense. Our Air Force and our nation must vigorously prepare for the challenges that lie ahead. Make no mistake — we will be challenged. International terrorists should harbor no illusion that Americans will sit idly by and wait for the next attack. We will not. We will take the initiative and take the fight to them wherever they hide, before they strike. Ultimately, we best honor those lost on Sept. 11 by rededicating ourselves to the obligations of military service and by ensuring we have the capability, training and resolve to win those fights wherever and whenever they occur.

“A year ago, some of our enemies believed the principles of our nation — liberty and equality — were somehow tenuous symbols that could be attacked and destroyed. They were wrong. The United States of America is more than a place; it is a glorious idea that will endure as long as people who seek freedom exist around the world. We will prevail in this fight. The character of the American people and our willingness to bear any burden in the name of liberty will not allow an outcome to the contrary.”

“As President Bush unequivocally stated, ‘We will not waver, we will not tire, we will not falter, and we will not fail.’ The road ahead is clear, your efforts tremendous, and America’s future is shining brightly. May God bless you and may God bless America.”



## Action Line

### Submitting Action Lines

**T**he Action Line is your direct link to the 21st Space Wing Commander—use it wisely! Try to resolve problems at the lowest level possible—with the person or activity, and then follow the chain of command.

Though it’s not required, we ask

that you leave your name and phone number so we can get back to you for clarifications, or if your response isn’t printed.

If you can’t get satisfactory results, then call (719) 556-7777. You may also fax your question to 556-7848.

### Car Wash

**QUESTION: Since stage II water restrictions have been implemented, I see (assumed) residents of Building 1166 washing their personal vehicles. Is this a permitted practice?**

**ANSWER:** We applaud your concern in this time of drought. The Water Conservation Council developed the Peterson Air Force Base Drought Response Plan, and is looking at as many aspects of water conservation as possible. Due to the short time period to implement the plan in relation to the Colorado Springs plan, not everyone has been informed and some water uses weren’t considered. During a declared Stage I Water restriction, fund-raising car washes and all residential car wash-

es are prohibited. Residential car washing would include dorm residents. The Services Car Wash is operational in Stage I, reduced hours in Stage II (Tuesday, Wednesday Closed), and in Stage II the Services Car Wash will be shut down.

We appreciate your concern; if there are any further questions or additional areas for water conservation you want to see addressed, contact Tim Pugh, Utility Engineer, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron, 556-4158.



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### A Moment in Time: September



■ Sept. 9, 1967 – Airman 2nd Class Duane Hackney became the first living enlisted man to receive the Air Force Cross.

■ Sept. 10, 1995 – The first AC-130C Spectre gunship “The First Lady,” built in 1953, was retired in a ceremony at Duke Field, Florida.

■ Sept. 11, 1964 General Curtis E. LeMay was awarded the H.H. Arnold trophy and named Aerospace Man of the Year.

Information courtesy of Staff Sgt. Trisha Morgan, 21st Space Wing History Office.





Photos by 2nd Lt. Suzy Kohout

Base members try out the lighted fitness trail and the brand new outdoor running track located directly behind the Sports and Fitness Center.

# Team Pete dedicates new track

By 2nd Lt. Suzy Kohout  
[21st Space Wing Public Affairs](#)

The 21st Space Wing Sports and Fitness Center dedicated their brand new track to Peterson in a double ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday.

The new outdoor running

track and fitness trail ceremony drew in many Peterson members, including two four-star generals.

Gen. Lance W. Lord, commander Air Force Space Command, and Gen. Ralph "Ed" Eberhart, commander of North American Aerospace Defense and U.S. Space Command, both spoke about

the dedication of the new track.

"The best assurance against rising health care costs in the future is your own personal fitness," said Lord.

"I commend the team, and it certainly was a team of AFSPC and the 21st Space Wing that made this possible," said Eberhart. "Your vision, your creativity, your persistence made this possible."

According to the fitness center staff, the running track and fitness trail will significantly enhance the quality of life for members of the Peterson Complex, increase individual readiness, and provide another world-class fitness venue for our personnel and family members.

"This leading edge outdoor running track is an excellent example of the 21st Space Wing's commitment to improving the quality of life and morale for the men and women of the Peterson Complex," said Master Sgt. Kevin Cummings, Head Master of Ceremonies.

"Today we are

going to launch a great new track," said Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, 21st Space Wing Commander. We need to thank all the people who helped to make that possible: services, communications squadron, civil engineers, contracting, comptroller, and security forces, continued Deal.

The initial track project was started in April, 2001 and was completed in July. The project includes the track, storm drainage system, lights, re-sodding the infield, and a new pavilion and picnic area along with bleachers.

The track measures 400 meters around and is surfaced with a highly durable structurally sprayed polyurethane system with a rubber base layer to improve traction.

The 21st Civil Engineer Squadron also paved 1.5 miles of the running path, installed solar lighting, and installed a water fountain. This project started in November, 2001, and was completed in May.

"We are very excited about providing the members of the Peterson Complex with the best sports and fitness facilities in the Air Force and on behalf of all of the Team Peterson and its many visitors, we thank all of you who helped to complete this project and set a new standard for the Air Force," said Cummings.

Following the speeches, Lord, Eberhart, Deal, Lt. Col. David McCormick, 21st Civil

Engineer Squadron Commander, and Airman 1st Class Lisa Conner, the Fitness Center's junior staff member, all held the ribbon while Lord cut it.

A 5K race followed the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Members of Team Pete tried out the track for the first time while listening to the Chariots of Fire theme song.

Security forces entered a group of cops running together with their guidon and chanting cadence calls.

Another mini-group included a mother running while pushing her two children in a stroller.

The overall winner of the race was Master Sgt. Shawn Ooley, Headquarters AFSPC Command Section. The first female to cross the finish line was Senior Airman Kelly Robles, 21st Logistics Support.

Everyone who completed the race received a medal commemorating the track dedication ceremony and AFSPC's 20th Anniversary.

Eberhart quoted President George W. Bush on his health initiative, "Exercise and healthy eating. By making minor changes to our lives, we build a healthier and stronger America."

We build a healthier and stronger armed forces, we are also going to be much happier, and our family members will be much happier, said Eberhart.



Everybody who crossed the finish line received a ribbon and a free water bottle.





BASE HOUSING YARD SALE SATURDAY

The next base housing yard sale is Saturday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

“Yard Sale Saturdays” are for base residents and for individuals who are authorized access to Peterson. We encourage all families in housing to participate. No commercial sales.

Every resident is welcome to display their items for sale on their property, but make every effort to keep your area neat and respect the rights of your neighbors.

With an increase of both cars and people in the housing area, be extra vigilant for unsafe conditions and notify the Law Enforcement Desk at 556-4000 if you notice individuals speeding in your area.

F-106 DEDICATION

A ceremony dedicating the F-106 in the Peterson Air and Space Museum is 11-11:30 a.m. Monday at the museum.

Retired Brig. Gen. Mike Drennan, former 21st Space Wing Commander, will preside over the ceremony, which is open to the base populace.

9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONIES

Peterson will host a remembrance ceremony, 8:10 a.m. Wednesday at the base flagpole in front of Bldg. 845.

Transportation will be available to the ceremony from Bldg. 1470 and the Hartinger Building beginning at 7:15 a.m., and will travel to Building 845 every five minutes. Transportation will also be available after the ceremony.

The Chapel will be open throughout the day, as a place of prayer and reflection. Specially prepared music will be playing to enable and inspire remembrance.

Cheyenne Mountain Chapel will host a brief service of prayer and remembrance at 11 a.m.

MILITARY CITIZENSHIP PROCESS CHANGE

President Bush recently signed an Executive Order expediting the naturalization process for aliens and non-citizen nationals serving on active duty status during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. Typically a military member must wait three years before applying for citizenship. This order permits those members serving honorably in active duty status beginning Sept. 11, 2001, to apply immediately. Air Force Personnel Center can assist Air Force members with the application process.

NEW HELP DESK SERVES PETERSON

To provide greater support to customers, the 21st Communications Squadron has opened a new help desk in the 21st CS building (Building 1038). The help desk provides the same “walk-up” services available at the main help desk in Building 1, to include issu-

ing new accounts, and validating photo identification for resetting passwords. All current procedures for the submission of network access requests and prerequisites for obtaining a new account are unchanged. Building 1038 is located between lodging and the Officers’ Club.

SUNDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

The Peterson Chapel announces the beginning of Sunday religious education programs beginning Sept. 15. Base members can register at the chapel during weekend services and normal duty hours during the week. The Catholic CCD classes will begin at 8:30 a.m., Sept. 15, while the Protestant Sunday School classes (including adult classes) begin at 9:45 a.m. the same day. For more information call 556-4442.

OWC FUNCTION

The Peterson Officers Wives’ Club will have its first

function 6:30 p.m., Sept. 19, at the Officers’ Club.

For details, call Kimberly Willoughby at 574-8500.

CITY INCREASES WATER RESTRICTIONS

During Stage II, residents should water their lawns in the early morning or late evening for no more than three hours per day.

- Sundays -- even numbers
- Mondays -- no watering
- Tuesdays -- odd numbers
- Wednesdays -- even numbers
- Thursdays -- no watering
- Fridays -- no watering
- Saturdays -- odd numbers

Peterson has achieved a 21 percent reduction in water usage, and will continue to stay consistent with the savings set by the city.

Watch the base marquees, the Commander’s Access Channel, and the *Space Observer* for the latest water restriction stages and changes to the plan.



<p>At the Base Chapel</p>		<p><u>Protestant</u></p> <p>Liturgical Worship, 8:15 a.m.</p> <p>Traditional Sunday Worship 11 a.m.</p> <p>Gospel Services, 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Catholic</u></p> <p>Weekday Mass, 11:35 a.m.</p> <p>Saturdays, 5 p.m.</p> <p>Sundays, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Reconciliation Saturdays, 4 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Religious Education</u></p> <p>Sunday programs begin Sept. 15.</p> <p>See above for details.</p>	<p>**For more information Call the chapel at 556-4442 for available chapel programs.</p>
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# Blotter

The following real-life events with real individuals from around the Peterson Complex are presented to inform you of crimes, accidents, and events occurring on our base.

The following entries were taken from hundreds recorded in the Peterson Police Blotter for the week ending Aug. 23:

*\*\*Editor's note: Although the Space Observer staff may make light of some Blotter entries, the intent is to call attention to our security and law enforcement concerns. However, rest assured, our professional Security Forces treat each incident seriously.*

## Ouch, I'm "tired"— Aug. 29

A retiree contacted the security forces to report an SUV had run over his foot at the Base Exchange. He explained he was getting into his vehicle when the SUV pulling into the space next to him hit his foot. The new

flatfoot declined medical care, while the leadfoot received a citation for inattentive driving.

## Follow the bouncing check— Aug. 30

An individual reported to security forces regarding a couple who have written eight bad checks to the Enlisted Club totaling \$1,200. The couple has been notified but they haven't responded. The Legal Office is aware of and tracking their free-spending ways.

## Sharp Service— Aug. 30

An individual contacted security forces and Colorado Springs Police Department after a services employee waved a bread knife at his face in the kitchen. The angered

bread lady was investigated by CSPD and was later cited for menacing. The attack victim was issued a Victim Witness Assistance Program pamphlet.

## You were such a tool — 30 Aug.

A construction worker reported a stolen tool at a job site outside the mission support facility to security forces. The tool was accidentally left outside the night before and when workers returned the following day the tool was claimed as stolen. A search of this area and other construction areas didn't yield the tool.

## Bumper cars part I — Aug. 30

An individual reported her car was damaged while parked in the commissary parking lot. She reported that her car had a five-inch dent behind the passenger side door with minor paint transfer. Anyone with information on this or any other

vehicle accident is urged to contact the security forces at 556-4000.

## Get out! No, you get out! — Aug. 31

Security forces responded to a hang-up of an on-base 911 call. They called the couple back and received another hang up. Patrols made contact and determined the cause of the call was due to a verbal dispute between the couple. The husband was finally reached in the wee hours of the morning.

## Uncool to a cooler— Aug. 31

An individual in the dorms placed her refrigerator outside for defrosting. After some time passed, she went to retrieve the fridge, and found it in three pieces. She immediately reported the incident to security forces. Anyone with information on this or any other vandalism is urged to contact the security forces at 556-4000.

## Stupidity keeps going, and going, and going — Sept. 1

Security forces detained a 16-year old dependent after he stole a four-pack of Energizer batteries valued at \$3.99. CSPD was contacted and issued the individual with a shoplifting citation, confiscated his dependent ID, and issued him a Temporary Suspension of Identification Card. The individual was later released to his sponsor.

## Bumper cars part II — Sept. 1

An individual reported to security forces a seven-inch scratch on the left middle of the driver's side door. He also stated that there was a one-inch by one-inch white color dent below the scratch. An investigation is underway. Anyone with information on this or any other vehicle accident is urged to contact the security forces at 556-4000.







# Symbolic historical events appear in new NORTHCOM logo

(Submitted by *NORTHCOM Commander's Action Group*)

The development of NORTHCOM's new logo will highlight Sept. 11 and significant events throughout history.

The new logo will visually signify the meaning of the new command.

"A command emblem is a rallying point," said Lt. Cmdr. Curtis Jenkins, a Navy Public Affairs Officer assigned to the U.S. Space Command Public Affairs Office, but helping to stand-up U.S. Northern Command. "It helps foster a sense of esprit de corps among the people working to make NORTHCOM a reality. From a practical perspective, the emblem is a critical element in the development of things like stationery and brochures. Having the emblem finalized allows us to move ahead with a

lot of projects."

A depiction of Northern Command's Area of Responsibility is in the background, shielded by the Eagle. On the AOR are three stars, a remembrance of each of the sites of the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

The attacks gave impetus to the formation of N O R T H E R N Command. The gold stars symbolize those who lost their lives. The gold stars also symbolize the rightful honor and glory to the person for his offering of supreme sacrifice for his country.

The eagle in the forefront, symbolizes our great nation and our alertness, ready to defend our homeland. Its right talons hold an olive



branch and its left clutch a group of 13 arrows. These are symbols for peace and war and represent the first 13 states. The eagle's head is turned toward the olive branch, indicating our desire for peace.

On the eagle's chest is a shield, which is a warrior's primary piece of defensive equipment.

The thirteen alternating red (courage and fortitude) and white (peace and sincerity) bars on the shield represent the thirteen original colonies. The top, in blue, represents their strength, vigilance and perseverance.

The top holds thirteen six-pointed stars, a reference to the six-pointed design from General George Washington's personal flag. This flag was flown during his winter encampment at Valley Forge. General Washington had a personal protection guard, which consisted of a few hand-picked men from

each of the colonies. This special guard carried these colors. The symbols from the Washington flag are a reminder of the efforts of the Continental Army, which served as our nation's first military organization to free and protect the homeland, and relate their great undertaking to the task set before us in the defense of North America.

The five stars at the top of the crest represent the five services: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard.

The eight-pointed stars represent the eight points on a compass and symbolize our mission to counter the global threat of terrorism. The stars are lined up over the AOR, depicting the umbrella of protection that NORTHCOM will provide North America.

# Space brings benefits to Joint Expeditionary exercise

By **2nd Lt. Suzy Kohout**  
*21st Space Wing Public Affairs*

An 6-month Joint Expeditionary Force Experiment 2002, which was designed to improve and refine battlefield operations, concluded Aug. 10 at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

The overall goals and initiatives of JEFX 02 were to improve intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance management of the battlespace, and to refine expeditionary air operations centers to use technologies to automate many of the operational processes.

The experiment was designed to improve all scopes of battlefield operations.

The JEFX experiment was a scenario set in the year 2007. The exercise utilized and experimented with capabilities that will continue through 2007, or are in testing or planning today to exist then.

One of the facets brought into this exercise was space.

"JEFX drove home the total integration of space into all we do," said Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, 21st Space Wing Commander and deputy commander to exercise Joint Forces Air and Space Component Command in the Combined Air and Space Operations Center at Nellis, AFB, Nevada.

"To put it into context," confirmed Deal, "during the Desert Shield Gulf War preparations, we were scrambling to procure and install Global

Positioning System receivers into aircraft--something not really pushed heavily before then. Today, we have GPS integrated into everything we do, from navigation, positioning and timing, to GPS-guided weapons.

"Over and above that are capabilities often taken for granted that you couldn't proceed without: space-based communications, space-based weather tracking and forecasting, missile warning, and much more. Each of our capabilities are essential and imbedded into every step of narrowing the time it takes to find, fix, track, target, engage and assess — a key initiative of this experiment and exercise."

"We intended to send information as rapidly as possible from the combined air operations center, where decisions can be made, to the warfighter in the air so that we can prosecute faster, and we're narrowing the time it takes to find, fix, track, target, engage and assess significantly in this experiment," said Lt. Gen. Tom Hobbins, exercise Joint Forces Air and Space Component Commander and 12th Air Force Commander.

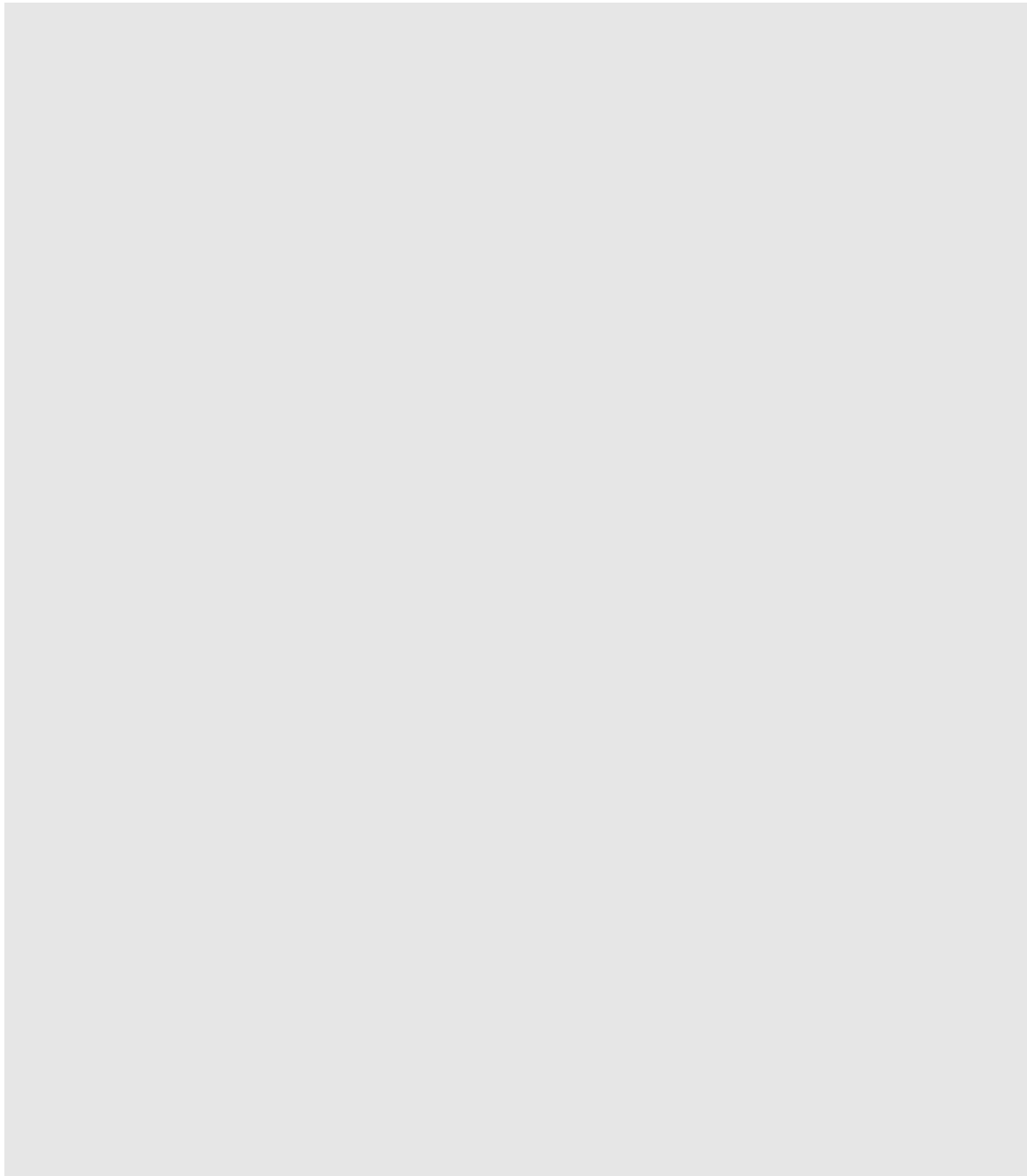
"JEFX drove home the imperative to integrate space-smart pros into every portion of our Air Force, and also to address the command and control aspects of space capabilities," said Deal. "On the first point, Air Force Space Command Commander Gen. Lord stresses that we must be

'skilled in air, and experts in space.' That's a bullseye. We must know the intricacies of utilizing the gamut of air platforms and tactics, from unmanned aerial vehicles, to fighters, to bombers, and more. But we must bring out unques-

tioned expertise in space to integrate into wartime operations.

"Only by doing that can we facilitate the aerial platforms, maritime resources, and the land component, increase their probability of success,

and use the spectrum of our space capabilities to achieve both national and theater objectives. As the hub of our nation's missile warning and space control, the 21st Space Wing is key to every aspect of those efforts."





# A T Y O U R S E R V I C E

## Learning through play



Courtesy photo

Base children receive prizes from a Peterson firefighter during a military children day last Spring. The youth center offers developmentally-focused part-day enrichment classes designed to help kids learn through play and interaction. Contact the youth center for more information.

The Peterson Air Force Base Youth Center offers part-day enrichment classes for children 3-5 years old.

The classes are based on the theory that children learn through play, and the part-day enrichment classes encourage active involvement from the children.

“The program provides a developmentally appropriate curriculum for all areas of a child’s development,” said Tina Madsen, Youth Center school age counselor.

“Children will participate in a variety of activities, from art to science and math,” said Madsen. “The program also uses games and different types of toys to help children realize differences in size, shapes and colors,” said Madsen.

Classes meet Monday, Wenesday and Friday, or Tuesday and Thursday. There are two sessions, morning or afternoon. For more information or to sign up, call the Youth Center at 556-7220.

### Youth Center sports

- Flag football season is going on now until Oct. 4.
  - Flag football for children ages 5-12 begins Oct. 14. Sign-up fee is \$25 for members and \$40 for non-members.
  - Indoor soccer photos will be Saturday at the Fitness Center on basketball court 2.
- Ages 3-4, 9 a.m.  
Ages 5-6, 10:30 a.m.  
Ages 7-9, noon  
Children must wear tennis shoes, soccer socks and shorts.  
Coaches are still needed.  
*For more information, call Les Stewart at 556-5242.*

### This Week

#### Sunday

- National Grandparents Day. Grandparents bowl three games free, 11 a.m. - 9:30 p.m., when bowling with grandchildren or children.

#### Monday

- Mothers on the move exercise group. Call Family Advocacy for details.

#### Tuesday

- Sponsorship Training, 7:30-8:30 a.m., at the Family Support Center. Training is required for all sponsors of military and civilian employees.

#### Wednesday

- Storytime, 10:15 a.m., at the Library.
- Going overseas, 8-9 a.m., at the Family Support Center.
- Smooth move summary, 9-9:30 a.m. at the Family Support Center. Call for details.
- Applying for federal civilian service, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Family Support Center.

#### Thursday

- Job orientation, 1-2:30 p.m., at the Family Support Center.
- Play group, 10:30 a.m.- noon, at the Chapel

### Helpful Numbers

- Family Advocacy 556-8943
- Education Center 556-4064
- Library 556-7462
- Community Center 556-7671
- Aquatics Center 556-4608
- Fitness Center 556-4462
- Officers’ Club 556-4181
- Enlisted Club 556-4194
- Youth Center 556-7220
- Family Support 556-6141
- Red Cross 556-9201
- Aragon Menu Line 556-4782
- Outdoor Recreation 556-4487
- Golf Course 556-7810

### This Week

### SERVICES CALENDARS

At the Officers’ Club		September 10 -- Steak night, 6-8 p.m.	September 11 -- Mongolian Barbecue, 6-8 p.m.	September 12 -- King Crab, 6-8 p.m.
At the Enlisted Club		September 11-- Chicken buffet, 5-7 p.m.	September 12-- Mongolian Barbecue, 6-8 p.m.	September 18-- Mexican buffet, 5-7 p.m.
At Outdoor Recreation		September 10 -- PADI SCUBA certification class.	September 12 -- PADI SCUBA certification class.	September 21 -- Challenge Ropes Course trip.





# Twelfth CMSAF speaks at ALS graduation

By Tech. Sgt.  
Michael Phillips  
*21st Space Wing Public Affairs*

The twelfth Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force delivered the graduation speech to members of Peterson's Airman Leadership School Class 02-G Aug. 22.

Former CMSAF Eric W. Benken noted that, during his visit to Peterson and Schriever Air Force Bases, he was impressed by the caliber of today's young airmen.

"They were giving me briefings on technical things to do with satellites, telemetry and GPS locations and that kind of stuff," he said. "They're 18-year old airmen, and when you start talking to them, you can't hardly stop them. These are thirty-minute briefings ... they know that much information."

"When I came into the service in 1970 as an 18-year-old, my top-of-the-line equipment was the Underwood 5 Manual Typewriter," Benken said.

"I'm envisioning myself giving a presentation to the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, saying, 'Sir, this is an Underwood 5 Manual Typewriter ... It's got at least 25 keys on it ... The whole alphabet's on here ... It's even got numbers.'"

"It's amazing where technology has gone, and amazing where our Air Force has gone," he said. "I'm very, very impressed with all of you, and with what you do."

"PME is kind of a 're-bluing' point," he said. "You go through your career, and a lot of things happen to you. You get promoted, you go PCS, and a host of other things."

"The opportunity to go to Professional Military Education and the Airman Leadership School is another one of those 're-bluing points,'" said Benken. "All the students here are proud of what they've accomplished, and rightfully so."

"For the last few weeks, you've talked a lot about leadership," Benken added. "Sometimes, we have a tendency to over-complicate leadership, because we throw in things like 'JoHari's Window' and 'Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs' and all these other guys with 50-pound brains."

"Leadership is also based on some very fundamental principles, and some things that maybe aren't so complicated," he said.

"A lot of these things are nothing more than an application to what you do every day."

"In basic training, we teach you to 'dress for success.' They teach you how to wear your uniform, how to be on time, and teach attention to detail," said Benken. "What we do during that process is that we raise your standards, and teach you how to achieve higher standards."

"You learned high standards in basic training -- just apply it to what you do. It's one of the fundamentals of being a leader."

"The next concept is teamwork." Benken said.

"I'm an old guy. I remember the old SAC and TAC IG inspections," he said. "They'd sneak up on you. They'd fly out from Langley, get on a bus and show up at about two in the morning, ready to start the ORI."

"You'd go through this 11-day ordeal. It was intense. At the end, they'd drag everybody over to the base theater."

"We didn't have these fancy PowerPoint presentations, we had the grease-pencil slides," he said. "They had little green circles for satisfactory, yellow circles for marginal, and red circles for unsatisfactory. The last thing you want to see is a bunch of little red circles because, if you fail this thing, they're coming back in about 60 days, and they're coming back with a vengeance."

"If the wing failed, there was an immediate message that went to the four-star general at Langley Air Force Base. He calls the wing commander and then he does an exorcism. He extracts the evil out of the wing, and he goes off to be the special assistant to a Numbered Air Force commander somewhere. That's how we did business."

"The point is, it wasn't the wing commander that failed," Benken said. "Leadership may have had something to do with it, but it was the entire team that failed."

"That's very critical



Photo by Dennis Plummer

**Retired Chief Master Sgt. Eric W. Benken, the 12th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, speaks to graduates and guests during the Peterson Airman Leadership School graduation Aug. 27 at the Enlisted Club.**

because, whether you're an airman basic or whether you're a four-star general, you have a place in this United States Air Force, and you have a job to do.

"Come to work every day with your game face on," he said. "Come to work everyday with the attitude that 'I'm going to do my part to make this wing, this squadron, this unit the very best it can be.' That's called teamwork, and that teamwork is something else you learned in basic military training, and it's something that carries over."

"Understand high standards ... understand teamwork ... and understand the fundamentals of basic military training, and you have learned how to become the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, or anything else you aspire to do."

It's very, very simple stuff."

"The last thing I will tell you is that this leadership thing is a growing process," he said. "You're not going to become Colin Powell overnight. That's just not going to happen. It's going to take some time to become an effective leader."

"Eventually, you're going to have to do that tough counseling," he said. "Eventually you're going to have to take issue with somebody who's doing something wrong. You're going to have to step up."

"Once you do that, you'll be very, very proud of yourself, and you'll realize that this leadership thing is important, it's something you have to take very seriously, and it's something that you can do, because we've given you the tools to do it."



## Class 02-G graduates were:

- Senior Airman Frank Poyner, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron
- Senior Airman Joshua Duplin,

- Electronic Systems Center, Detachment 5
- Senior Airman Ruth Volkman, 810th Medical Operations Squadron
- Senior Airman Joseph Allen, Air Force Space Command Headquarters
- Senior Airman Gary Boulware, Space Warfare Center
- Senior Airman Sheamus Cooke, 3rd Space Operations Squadron
- Senior Airman Jamie Daniels,

- 21st Security Forces Squadron
- Senior Airman Demario Dashiell, 3rd SOPS
- Senior Airman Eric Gourley, 50th Communications Squadron
- Senior Airman Kelli Griffin, 721st Security Forces Squadron
- Senior Airman Jose Hernandez-Solano, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron
- Senior Airman Tonya Hodges, 21st Space Wing
- Senior Airman Robert Kerry,

- 3rd SOPS
- Senior Airman Jason Lewis, 50th Civil Engineer Squadron
- Senior Airman Jessica Light, 21st SFS
- Senior Airman Ronald McKinney Jr., 4th Space Operations Squadron
- Senior Airman Jennifer Parkhurst, 10th Dental Squadron
- Senior Airman Amy Reed, 1st Space Operations Squadron
- Senior Airman Kelly Robles, 21st Logistics Support Squadron
- Senior Airman Jose Rodriguez, 1st Space Operations Squadron
- Senior Airman Eric Santillan, 21st CES
- Senior Airman John Spinuzzi, 21st Services Squadron
- Senior Airman James Stephens,

- 21st CES
- Senior Airman Earl Tubbs, 50th Operations Support Squadron
- Senior Airman Brad Wagner, 50th CES
- Senior Airman Veronica Wesley, 21st Communications Squadron

### Awards

Senior Airman Jamie Daniels, 21st SFS was awarded the John L. Levitow Award. Senior Airman Eric Gourley, 50th CS, was awarded the Academic Achievement Award. Senior Airman Frank Poyner, 21st CES and Senior Airman Joshua Duplin, ESC, Det. 5, earned the Distinguished Graduate Awards. Senior Airman Joseph Allen, AFSPC HQ, was awarded the Leadership Award.

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# “World’s biggest case lot sale” at commissaries everywhere

By **Bonnie Powell**  
*Corporate Communications*

FORT LEE, Va. - This isn't any ordinary commissary case lot sale. This is the “World's Biggest.” A commissary tradition that tops any customer’s shopping list promises to be even better in 2002, says Bob Vitikacs, executive director for operations and product support at the Defense Commissary Agency. “Last year we sold \$8 million in groceries - over 700,000 cases! Military customers were able to stretch their paychecks even farther with the tremendous deals offered by the manufacturers who sell products in commissaries.”

Case lot sales feature a variety of sought after items ranging from canned goods to paper goods, and a few items in between. “We'll even have meats and chilled items in many locations,” says Vitikacs. “That's a bit out of the ordinary.”

The second World's Biggest Case Lot Sale is scheduled to take place the weekend of Sept. 21 at most of the 276 stores in the worldwide commissary system. But, days and hours may vary. Pearl Harbor (Hawaii) Commissary, for example, is having its sale Sept. 6-7 due to a previously scheduled store reset; West Point (N.Y.) Commissary will be closed on the appointed weekend due to installation events. They will hold a case lot sale Sept. 14-15 instead. In addition, stores that are not open Sunday may have their sales Sept. 20-21.

“Customers should check with their local commissary for details or check their store's Web pages under the ‘locations’ button at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com),” says Vitikacs. Most commissaries will list days and hours of the sale starting in September. Some may even list items and percent of savings.

Since commissaries sell groceries at cost, profits are not the motivation for case lot sales, says Vitikacs. “The



Photo by Staff Sgt. Melanie Epperson

promise of increased sales convinces manufacturers to sell products at much lower prices than customers will find anywhere else on the planet. That means our average customer savings of 30 percent can increase dramatically.”

Military retirees will have an additional bonus when they visit Army and Air Force commissaries the weekend of Sept. 20-22. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service will host a special ‘Still Serving’ event during the World’s Biggest Case Lot Sale weekend throughout continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Guam and Europe. Activities and discounts are planned at each location including free refreshments, free samples, free health clinics, cooking demonstrations, wine and cheese tastings, golf putting contests, door prizes, shopping-cart bingo, makeovers and fashion shows.

A core military family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America’s military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.

For details on the ‘Still Serving’ event visit the AAFES Web site in September at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com) or contact your local exchange.

Shoppers at the commissary can enjoy big savings as the Peterson Air Force Commissary participates in the “world’s biggest case lot sale” Sept. 20-22.





# View from the top

## AFSPC commander, command chief, visit wing

By Tech. Sgt. Gino Mattorano  
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

The 21st Space Wing is at the forefront of Expeditionary Air Force operations, said Gen. Lance Lord, Air Force Space Command commander, during his visit here Aug. 29-30.

"Part of what we have to do is make sure that we're not only organizing, training and equipping our forces, but that we worry about the combat outcomes of what we're doing," said Lord. "The 21st Space Wing, with its worldwide mission of missile warning and surveillance, is a key part of what AFSPC is doing now, and how we expect to evolve in the future. I'm really proud of the Knights of the 21st SW for what they're doing, day in and day out."

The general also talked about the unique challenges of integrating space into the Expeditionary Aerospace Force.

"We kind of get double duty in that respect," said Lord. "Because we do have people deployed all over the world, 24-7, 365 days a year, doing critical space missions. In addition, some of our people have the opportunity to be deployed to support Operation Enduring Freedom. We're involved all over the world, so we not only have to think exp-

ditionary, we have to act expeditionary, and we're doing both. I think that's important, and I certainly see that in the 21st Space Wing."

Air Force leadership has embraced the "total force concept," and the 21st Space Wing is committed to total force integration.

"We couldn't do what we do without the total force involved," said Lord. "The Reserve, Guard and active duty forces, plus civilians and contractors are all part of the total force, such as the 137th Space Warning Squadron in Greeley (Colo.). Now, that's just here in the wing. The people we relate with day-to-day here at Peterson are all part of the total force team. We have Air Force Reserve and Guard folks here working alongside active duty members supporting the operations critical to accomplishing our mission, and it's a good total force team."

A key part of the wing's future is the continuing deployment of the Space-Based Infrared System, which will replace the current Defense Support Program satellites.

"Missile warning is critical," said Lord. "Over the years, it has been crucial for our nuclear deterrence posture. The DSP has operated well in that environment, and now it's time to modernize – SBIRS is the key to doing that. It will help us improve our warn-

ing capability and will get some missile defense capabilities as well.

"We've been working hard in AFSPC, with our partners, the Space and Missile Systems Center, and Col. Mark Borkowski, SBIRS program director, to get that program on track. There's no doubt in my mind that the warriors of the 21st Space Wing will continue to be involved in SBIRS processing, as they have been so far. I think that our best days in that business are ahead of us."

Lord was accompanied on his visit to the wing by his wife, Becca, and Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Kriete, AFSPC Command Chief, and his wife, Rebecca.

During the visit, Gen. Lord and Kriete toured a variety of wing facilities and was briefed on current wing operations and construction projects, such as the Army Space Command building which is nearing completion. The general and the chief also toured airman dormitories and Peterson's new fire department.

Mrs. Lord's visit was spent touring base facilities such as the library, Peterson Clinic, military family housing, base exchange and the commissary. She also met with military spouses to discuss issues relating to the needs of the military family.



Gen. Lance Lord, AFSPC Commander, greets Airman 1st Class Shantae Shinholster during his visit to the wing Friday.



Gen. Lord visits with enlisted members at the Aragon Dining Facility.



Gen. Lord, center, and Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Kriete, AFSPC Command Chief, left, tour a bunk room at Peterson's new fire department, with Senior Airman Jason Rich, 21st CES Fire Protection Flight.



Photos by Eugene Chavez  
Left: Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, 21st SW Commander, is presented with the Trophy for the annual Army-Air Force softball game held at Sky Sox Stadium, that the Air Force won by a score of 25-16.  
Above left: Gen. Lord's visit concluded with a commander's call, where he presented a \$10,000 check to Joseph Poniatowski, 21st Contracting Squadron, for his cost-saving idea that saved the military \$6.3 million.  
Above right: Gen. Lord walked through Peterson's Youth Center, which is currently undergoing renovations.  
Right: Gen. and Mrs. Lord enjoy a western barbecue dinner hosted by Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, 21st SW Commander and his wife Janet.



Photo by Dennis Plummer



Cindy Litteral, Peterson Fire Department Chief of Training, explains fire department operations in the new facility to Gen. Lord, center, and CMSgt. Kriete.



Reno, a military working dog, attacks Staff Sgt. Clint Reynolds, a 21st Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, during Gen. Lord's visit Friday.



Gen. Lord sits in the judge's chair during the legal office visit, as Chief Kriete sits in the witness chair.



Gen. Lord tests out a 21st Logistics Support Squadron "eggmobile" test electric vehicle on Peterson's flightline.



Becca Lord, left, Janet Deal, third from right, Pam Clarke, second from right, and Rebecca Kriete, pose for a photo with Senior Airman Wayne Johansen, 810th Medical Operations Squadron Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight, who is dressed in a chemical protective suit.





Photo courtesy Centers for Disease Control

West Nile virus is a disease transmitted by mosquitoes who feed on infected birds, then feed on humans and animals.

## What you need to know about the West Nile Virus

By Capt. Craig Robinson  
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United States Air Force Academy

West Nile Virus is a disease transmitted by mosquitoes. It is carried by birds in the wild and transmitted to humans by mosquitoes that feed on birds and then feed on humans. WNV has now been detected in Logan, Pueblo and Weld counties in horses and one bird, but there have been no human cases. El Paso County has not had any positive cases in birds or horses. But even in areas of Colorado where mosquitoes carry the virus, less than 1 percent of the mosquitoes are actually infected. Even if mosquitoes are infected, less than 1 percent of people bitten and infected become severely ill. The majority of people who are infected by mosquito-borne viruses do not become ill or show any symptoms of the disease.

If someone does become ill, the onset of clinical signs is somewhere between 5-15 days from the time of the mosquito bite. About 1 in 5 people who are infected suffer from a fever, headaches and lethargy for 2-7 days before the recover. Only about 1 in 150 infected people develop the more serious form of the disease, to include encephalitis and meningitis. People greater than 50 years old have the biggest risk of developing more serious disease.

To protect yourself, take pre-

cautions, but don't panic. Limit outside activity at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active. This is particularly important for small children and elderly adults. When outside, apply insect repellent or wear protective clothing, such as long pants and long sleeves. Make sure screens fit tight and are in good condition. Drain or change, at least weekly, any standing water from your home, in bird-baths, gutters, containers, old tires, etc. This will prevent mosquitoes from breeding. If you have a pond or fountain, stock it with fish that will eat the mosquito larvae.

The only dead birds that are currently being analyzed by the State Department of Public Health and Environment are crows, magpies, ravens and jays that are submitted within 48 hours of dying. Local health departments, county public health nursing services and local animal control agencies submit these directly to the State laboratory. Other dead birds are not a concern and should not be submitted to the State laboratory.

For further information, contact the Public Health Office at 556-1225, El Paso County Health Department at 578-3199, the State Department of Public Health and Environment's West Nile virus information hotline at (303) 692-2799, or visit the Centers for Disease Control website at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/>.



# Money matters: Help 21st CONS help you

It's that time of year again! The end of the fiscal year is fast approaching and with it the deadlines for all purchase requirements. Every year at this time the 21st Contracting Squadron is inundated with a variety of purchase requests. Sorting through the hundreds of requirements and determining priority can be a very time-consuming task; therefore, to allow for efficient processing, it is in the customers' best interests to ensure their requirement packages are complete before submittal to the contracting squadron.

A complete requirements package must contain a minimum of certain documents before a purchase can be completed: (1) 21st CONS must receive accurate funding documentation approved through the customer's unit Resource Advisor; (2) a detailed description of the item or service to be purchased and (3) the requiring office's estimate of the cost of the item or service to be acquired, along with a suggested source. Good descriptions and accurate cost estimates ensure the 21st CONS can adequately compete the item or service required. Contracting can then make a "best value" determination based on the offers received from various vendors and contractors.

In an effort to better serve customers, the 21st CONS developed a list of "deadline" dates for requirements packages to ensure adequate time is available to meet customers' needs in a fiscally responsible manner. By providing these key dates to customers, contracting anticipates eliminating any potential delays customers could experience as the fiscal year end approaches.

- Sept. 20 for IT requirements under \$100,000 or actions over \$100,000 that can be met by issuance of a delivery order against an existing pre-priced contract. Be sure your requirement has been coordinated with the 21st Communications Squadron as described below.

Purchases under \$2,500 may be made using the Government Purchase

Card. To ensure continued use of your Government Purchase Card, each cardholder needs to establish a call letter with Accounting and Finance after Aug. 25 and no later than Sept. 15. The card may be used until the close of business Sept. 15.

Most Information Technology hardware/software purchases can be made through a General Services Administration contract regardless of the dollar amount, up to the anticipated close-out date of Sept. 20. If you are planning an IT purchase with end of year fallout funds, please make sure that an AF Form 3215 has been completed and coordinated with 21st CS before submitting your request to 21st CONS.

If you have specific questions regarding your IT purchase or are unsure if it qualifies for a GSA purchase, contact Tracie O'Donovan at 556-8775.

Preexisting specialized contracts that will require modification should be coordinated with the contract administrator as soon as the need is identified. This allows 21st CONS time to create a reasonable schedule to administer the modification and prevent any delays that may occur.

"We're committed to satisfying all of our customer's requirements", said Lt. Col. Reggie Selby, 21st Contracting Squadron commander. "The best way to do this is to establish target dates for purchase request receipt.

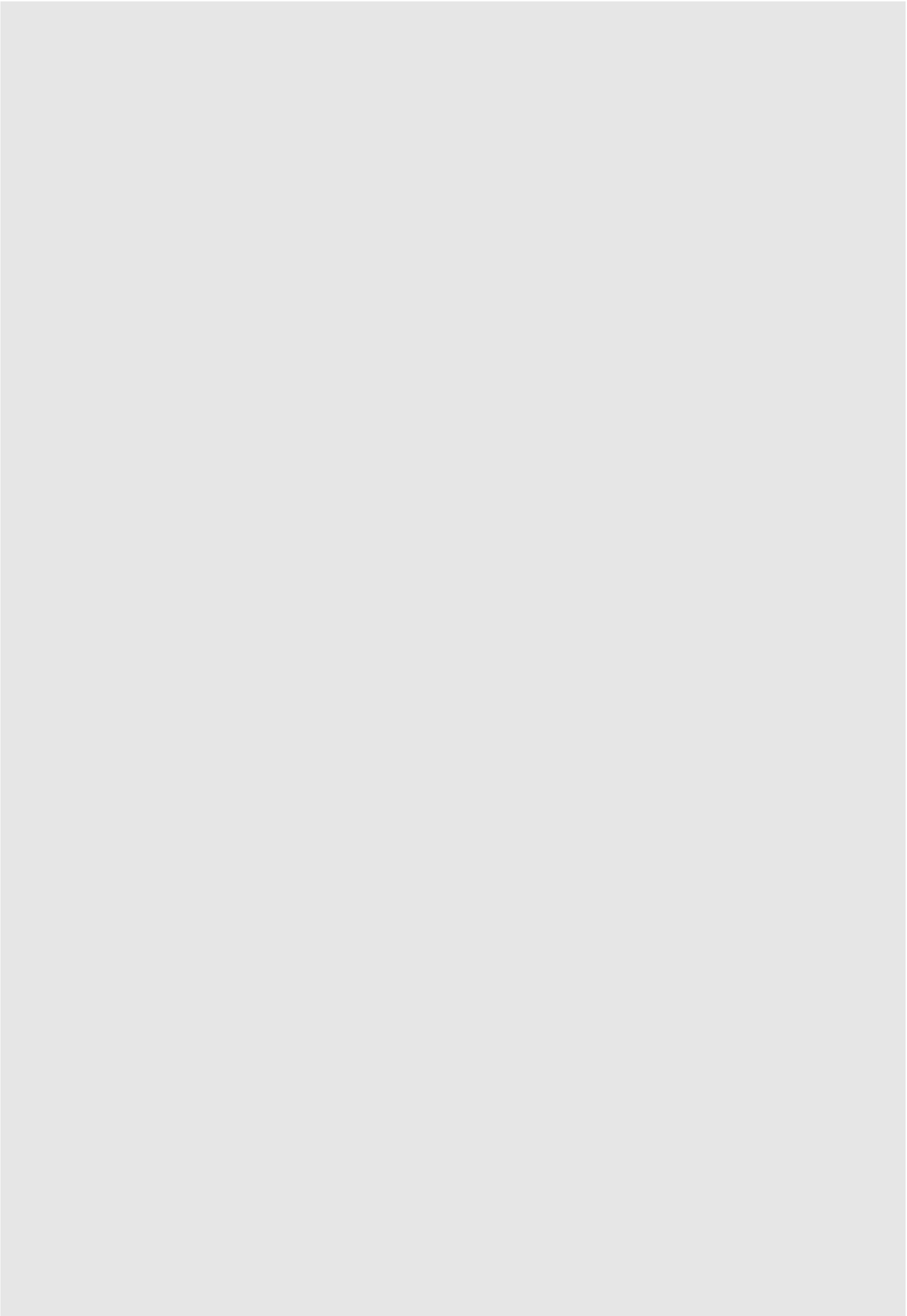
Target dates increase opportunities for expenditure of fallout funds that may become available in the last few days of the fiscal year. Having your documents accurately completed and submitted timely will increase your opportunity for purchase approval on the Unfunded Requirements List."

If you have any questions concerning the 21st CONS' purchasing procedures, fiscal year-end purchases, utilizing the government purchase card, etc., please call the 21st CONS customer service line at 556-4842.

(Article courtesy of the 21st Contracting Squadron)











# Intern program develops future AF scientists, engineers

By Michael Kelly  
[Air Force Research Laboratory](#)

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio -- While their friends were flipping burgers at fast food joints or hanging out at the mall this summer, a group of young scientists were experimenting with their futures in the Air Force Research Laboratory here.

Working as research assistants, 27 "Wright Scholars" joined a team of scientist and engineer mentors in the lab's propulsion, air vehicles and human effectiveness directorates for 10 weeks of hands-on exploration designed to "foster learning in the realm of science and engineering," said John Horner, propulsion operations division program manager.

The paid internship gave the students, from 19 different high schools, an opportunity to assist with on-site research and apply their knowledge of chemistry, physics and mathematics to various types of engineering careers, he said. They also participated in a jet engine propulsion course taught at the Air Force Institute of Technology.

The weekly lecture series was a surprising success, according to Horner. Topping the list of favorite subjects at the program's Friday lectures were presentations on pulsed detonation engines, scramjets, optics

and lasers, combustion, rockets and plasma research. But the program's biggest payoff, according to Horner, was exposing these "enthusiastic and exceptional" students to the wonders of hands-on research.

"We also wanted to give them a chance to explore some of the career opportunities the Air Force has to offer," he said.

For 10 weeks the scientists in training joined forces with their assigned mentors to conduct individual research projects involving issues like three-dimensional modeling of turbine engines, fuel composition analysis and hydrocarbon-fueled supersonic combustion engines. Other topics included studies in jet engine aerodynamics and combustion science.

Ultimately, Horner and his team of scientists and engineers are hopeful the Wright Scholar program and others like it will generate a pool of highly qualified individuals the Air Force can draw on to fill looming critical shortages of scientists and engineers.

Of the Air Force's 13,300 military and civilian scientist and engineer authorizations, the service is short approximately 2,700, or about 20 percent, according to Air Force Materiel Command personnel officials. And that is if they only had to fill current vacancies, not expected future shortages, they said.



Photo by Steven Poland

**Dr. Paul King, associate professor of aerospace engineering in Air Force Institute of Technology's Graduate School of Engineering and Management, keeps a watchful eye on 17-year-old Casey Holycross as he "runs up" a turbojet engine in a propulsion test cell.**

"We're an aging workforce and a significant number of our scientists and engineers will be eligible for retirement in the next five years," Horner explained. "That's what really motivated us in this program and other summer intern programs."

## Military compensation Web site tells all about pay and allowances

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem  
[American Forces Information Service](#)

WASHINGTON -- Anything you ever wanted to know about your military pay but didn't know who to ask is now available with a couple of mouse clicks. The Office of the Secretary of Defense has a military compensation Web site.

The site explains the differences between pay and allowances and describes the intended purpose for the various allowances. For instance, the basic allowance for subsistence is designed to offset the costs of a member's meals, but is "not intended to offset the costs of meals for family members."

A separate basic allowance for housing primer available on the site explains the ins and outs of BAH, including how it is computed and why rates can differ so much from one location to another.

A link to the "Regular Military Compensation Calculator" can give servicemembers a glimpse of how their pay and tax-free allowances stack up against civilian pay.

For instance, an E-6 with eight years of service living in the D.C. area with a spouse and two kids would have to earn more than \$51,000 to take home the same amount after state and federal taxes are deducted.

Active-duty members approaching their 15th year of service might find the retirement choice calculator particularly helpful. Members who entered active service after July 31, 1986, have to choose at 15 years whether they will opt for the "high-three" or "redux" retirement plans.

High-three basically pays you 50 percent of the average of your three highest paying years of service. Redux pays you a \$30,000 bonus at 15 years, then 40 percent of your base pay per month at retirement. Both have positive and negative points, and servicemembers need to choose based on their personal situation.

A calculator on this site allows you to input personal data and then gives you charts to show how much each option would provide you over a 40-year period. Other sections on this site fully explain survivor benefits and the Thrift Savings Plan.

## NFL fans get glimpse of military sacrifices

By Jim Garamone  
[American Forces Press Service](#)

WASHINGTON -- Throughout the upcoming season, American football fans will get a glimpse of the sacrifices the men and women of the armed forces make.

The National Football League is sponsoring "American Postcards," a series of profiles to be broadcast during regular and post-season games.

"About 120 million people watch an NFL game each weekend," said Allison Barber, a Pentagon spokeswoman. "Our goal is to allow men and women across America to be able to feel a connection to our military members."

Barber said NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue came up with the idea in early August.

"What they had in mind was just regular stories of military folks who had written letters home, or who have e-mailed or who have found unique ways to communicate with their families," she said.

NFL Films chose stories from suggestions from the Defense Department and the services -- including two stories featured on [www.DefendAmerica.gov](#). The spots are scheduled to begin airing on Sept. 5 during the New York Giants vs. the San Francisco 49ers

game on ESPN. The spots will also run during NFL games broadcast on CBS, Fox and ABC.

NFL Films traveled to Afghanistan to speak with servicemembers and to stateside hometowns to speak with family members and friends.

One spot features Airman Amy Ting. On Sept. 11 last year, she was a civilian and in the Marriott Hotel across the street from the World Trade Center. She enlisted the week following the attack. The NFL crew filmed Ting on duty at Dover Air Force Base, Del.

There are other spots featuring members of the Army and Marines.

Plans are for future spots to feature servicemembers based in the Persian Gulf, aboard ship and across the United States.

"In the midst of a football game, we want people to pause and recognize that every minute of every day, someone is defending our country," Barber said.

She said a secondary DOD goal is for people to become excited about the military. "It's not a recruiting campaign in any way," she said. "But it is an education campaign."

Barber said the NFL is just the latest in a long list of organizations that have contacted the DOD looking for ways to support military men and women.



# Falcons shellac Wildcats in season opener



Photos by Robb Lingley  
Darnell Stephens (15), halfback, breaks through the Northwestern defensive line in Saturday's game. The Air Force Academy Falcons routed Northwestern, 52-3, Saturday in the season opener for both teams.



David Conley (28), a cornerback for the Falcons, is tackled by a Northwestern player after making an interception. Air Force had 523 total yards -- 476 rushing -- and led 38-0 at halftime. The 49 points tied a school record for largest margin of victory on opening day and was the fifth-most ever. The Falcons moved 74 yards in nine plays on their first drive, capped by quarterback Chance Harridge's 3-yard touchdown run on an option right.

## Wing awards fit trophy

Col. Diann Latham, 21st Space Wing Vice Commander, presented the Commander's Fit Trophy to several organizations at a recent wing standup meeting. The Commander's Fit Trophy recognizes the small, medium, and large units or directorates that achieved and maintained outstanding currency and pass rates for the cycle ergometry program.

The recipients for the second quarter were; large unit - Air Force Space Command Headquarters, medium unit - Air Force Space Command Directorate of Requirements, and small unit - NORAD, Directorate of Operations and Logistics.



Photo by Joe Fischer  
Accepting the Commander's Fit Trophy on behalf of their respective organizations was, left to right, Master Sgt. Michael Barber, NORAD Directorate of Operations and Logistics, Col Diann Latham, 21st Space Wing Vice Commander, Lt. Col. Gary Gagnon, Staff Sgt. Jon Fukushima, both AFSPC Headquarters, and Lt. Col. Stephen Mitchell, AFSPC Directorate of Requirements.